
FOR THE YEAR 2015
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MARCH 3, 2015

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 with Dennis Bush, Jeff Simonsen, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, and Jim Peck present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Jeff Friedrichsen, Dave Skou, Justin Pritts, Dean Schmidt, Chad Brown, Marci Brown, Greg Zarr, Nancy Nelson, Kirk Nelson, John Hill, Tim Lundsgaard, Steve Lundsgaard, Brent Peterson, Joel Thevenin, Kyle Hill, David Kastengren, Karl Kludas, Mike Blake, Gary Otto, Bob Nelson, Mark Murphy, Steve Thomas and Justin Schulenberg were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Simonsen, Mongan, Lundquist, Peck, Bush; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Peck to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

At 9:00 a.m., a motion was offered by Simonsen and seconded by Mongan to open a public hearing for the proposed 2015/2016 fiscal year budget. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried. Chairman Bush asked for comments from the public.

Hearing no comments from the public, a motion was made by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to close the public hearing at 9:02 a.m. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to adopt the fiscal year 2015/2016 budget as published and to certify it to the state. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to adopt the County Compensation Board recommendations for 2015/2016 elected official salaries as follows: Attorney \$92,250 (\$2,000 increase), Auditor \$54,250 (\$1,250 increase), Recorder \$54,250 (\$1,250 increase), Sheriff \$70,500 (\$2,000 increase), Treasurer \$54,250 (\$1,250 increase), and Supervisors \$22,500 (\$500 increase) with a \$1,000 stipend for the Chairman. Motion carried.

Ryan Kolpin, County Attorney, presented new information regarding a previous application for property tax suspension per Iowa Code Sections 447.9(3) and 427.9.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Simonsen to rescind previous action taken to deny suspension of taxes on parcel #134353009. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Peck to approve Resolution #2015-07 “Petition For Suspension Of Taxes Through The Redemption Process” and *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cherokee County Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Cherokee County Auditor to redeem Parcel No. 134353009 owned by the petitioner from the holder of a certificate to purchase the amount necessary to redeem under Section 447.1, and hereby directs the Cherokee County Treasurer to so record the approval of this tax suspension for this parcel.* Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

Kirk Letsche, Marcus Fair, provided an overview of activities and finances from the previous year and thanked the supervisors for the County’s annual financial support of \$6,400.

Motion by Peck, seconded by Mongan to authorize the chairman to sign a certification of the 2013/2014 Cost Allocation Plan which provides State reimbursement for the County Case Management program and DHS office space. Motion carried.

Lisa Bringle, Coordinator of Disability Services, discussed possible changes for the Cherokee County Case Management Program and recommended that the supervisors withdraw from membership in a 28E agreement that provides technical service for the program as a cost savings measure.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to withdraw Cherokee County’s membership with Case Management & Mental Health Disability Services (CM & MHDS), a 28E organization that provides staff training and technical support through Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC). Motion carried.

David Kastengren, speaking on behalf of a group of rural property owners, presented questions and concerns based on speculations of activity believed to be associated with construction of a processing plant southeast of Cherokee. Mongan assured the group that the Board of Supervisors has not been involved in discussions with potential developers, but the project is so preliminary that Cherokee Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC) doesn’t have any answers to specific questions either. Apparently, Cherokee County is just one of several site locations the business is currently researching in a multi-state region. Kastengren summarized a

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request for assistance from the Board of Supervisors in gathering information to address their questions and concerns as local residents. Mongan stated that he would present the group's questions to the developer in his capacity as a member of the Cherokee Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC) Board, not as a County Board of Supervisor.

There being no further business, Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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Dennis Bush, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor